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CLUB NOTES

LIFE IS TOUGH in the Second Division. This unpalatable fact has been made the more apparent this season by the regularity with which home points have been dropped. For one thing the competition for promotion was never keener. Never before have there been as many as 16 former First Division clubs in this section.

Half of these have gone down in recent seasons and are finding it anything but easy to get back. With fewer than a third of the season's matches played none of the 22 could claim a 100 per cent home record and only five had not lost before their own supporters.

As many as 27 away wins and 58 draws were already on the record and away defeats totalled only 58. We are not making excuses for lapses, merely pointing out that nothing can be taken for granted.

It was confidently expected in view of North End's recent good performances that at least three points would be gained from our home games with Norwich City and Carlisle United. Unfortunately we got only one. The lesson was that no team can afford to slacken off, and decidedly not after taking the lead.

Lost Lead

Then is the time to grasp the initiative still more firmly and hammer home the advantage gained. For various reasons we failed to do this and paid dearly for errors. Although Norwich proved themselves a good away team, they should not have been allowed to recover as they did, not after being a goal down almost straight from the kick-off.

This was a well taken goal by Willie Irvine after only 15 seconds, his 11th of the season. Norwich certainly were caught unawares by the quickness of this move. But for sheer bad luck Norwich's immediate equaliser would not have mattered as much.

They had the kind of escape that makes a goalkeeper think it is his lucky day! But we had other chances. So had Norwich, when the blustery wind was behind them in the second half, and they snapped up two of them very smartly without reply, whereas our two best opportunities went abegging.

Two days later Carlisle came to Deepdale without an away point and salvaged one after another goal by Willie Irvine had put them in arrears. A needless penalty conceded by George Ross gave them the encouragement they needed.

Recovery

Derek Temple celebrated his return by restoring North End's lead, but Carlisle rallied again to save a point.

Looking back, the Norwich defeat was only the sixth suffered by North End since 18th March, when we began to pick ourselves up off the floor and fight back to avoid relegation. Our record from that day, when Aston Villa were beaten 2-1, is:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Home....	13	5	6	2	18	12	16
Away....	10	4	2	4	9	11	10
Total....	23	9	8	6	27	23	26

Only 20 points conceded, and an average of only one against us per game! We feel that, all circumstances considered, our supporters will regard this as a very good record.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

COMPETITION PAGE

Face in the Crowd

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North End v. Norwich City

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Behind Scenes Viewpoint
from the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

HOW VERY disappointing! I am referring, of course, to the result of our matches with Norwich City and Carlisle United. I know I am only echoing the feelings of supporters in saying this—and there was a good turn-up at both games. But I can assure you we all felt the same way about it.

The players were very disappointed indeed that they did not reproduce the form they had shown at Blackpool and Crystal Palace and blame nobody but themselves for dropping three home points.

We really looked to have those points in the bag, but lost the initiative after having had opportunities to continue our run of success. The annoying part of it—to them as much as to you, I may say—is that two home wins would have put North End level with Charlton and Middlesbrough at the top of the Second Division. Playing entertaining football, as seems to be the general verdict, is not really much consolation for slipping up in home matches.

Why did it happen? I suppose all of you have your reasons. Norwich have been doing very well away from home, this being their fourth successive away win, and the previous week they had an experience similar to our own in being beaten 1-0 at home by Portsmouth.

They would be keen to make amends for that and, to be fair, they looked a good side. As for Carlisle they came here pretty desperate, being without a win and having lost all their away games. They have a good record at Deepdale. Players gain confidence from visiting a ground where they usually do well. We knew they would play for all they were worth.

But when you look back at those games we really should have had both of them sewn up long before getting into difficulties. I think that quick goal against Norwich went to our heads a bit. Everyone dashed in with congratulations. A counter-attack was to be expected, but I doubt whether all the team were ready for it. In such situations concentration is all the more essential. A more professional approach would make less of congratulations, and tighten up rather than relax concentration, with the idea of capitalising on the goal scored instead of risking a setback.

On the other hand that enthusiasm or delight can be understood when a team has found the going hard for a long time and goals scarce as well. Confidence makes it so much easier for players to take success in their stride. I feel that we are still not getting many breaks in front of goal with the result that we are having to work extremely hard to score.

There was that scoring attempt by Frank Lee, for instance, soon after our goal against Norwich. He was on target and gave it all he had, and the keeper's save was as much involuntary as instinctive. A goal for us then could have settled this match.

It was also an involuntary action by George Ross, that put new heart into Carlisle. There was no reason at all for him handling the ball it was purely an impulse. You don't give away penalties when there is only 50-50 danger. Any keeper would rather take a chance than face a penalty shot. George was stumbling and up shot his hands. It was not deliberate.

On the subject of being professional in everything let me recall the incident when Willie Irvine came near getting a second goal against Carlisle. It was the kind of chance he normally snaps up. This time he didn't. But everyone stood back expecting Willie to score instead of anticipating that he might not. Someone should have gone to support him thus splitting the goalkeeper's concentration and also giving Willie the alternative of passing for someone else to score. The correct approach is, "We'll not stop till we are certain that the ball is in the net.

Now let me extend good wishes on behalf of the club and supporters to Archie Gemmill, who was married this week to a Scots lass from his home town—with the honeymoon deferred until the close season. Lastly our 16's-and-under played well on Monday against Drumchapel Amateurs from Scotland and beat them by three goals to nil.

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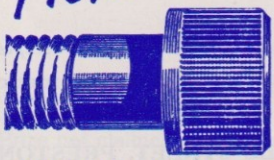

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT DEEPDALE

Meet the Secretary . . .

George Howarth

ONE OF THE longest serving and most respected officials of League clubs—and just about the last ever to blow his own trumpet!—is Mr. George Howarth. He does not make the headlines because he would much rather keep out of them and let others do the talking, but we are happy to have him as secretary, well knowing there is no one more competent at his job.

An expert on football law and legislation, he is the supremely efficient backstage administrator, thoroughly versed in all its now complicated aspects, and for more than 30 years this club has found him completely zealous.

He had been assistant to Reg Taylor and Tom Muirhead before being given full authority as secretary when Mr. Muirhead left in 1937. By then he knew already all the snags of the job and probably anticipated those to come.

Certainly no one is better able to lay on the arrangements for a Cup Final and cope with all the hazards, for he has piloted North End comfortably through four of these great occasions by planning well ahead, always with the satisfaction of seeing everything managed without a hitch.

As he started at the Football League offices, then at Preston, straight from school, he got a thorough grounding for his chosen career, and can thus claim 41 years on the administrative side of League football.

Mr. Howarth is a shrewd thinker on every aspect of the game. All too well aware that the financial position of clubs like North End must always be a source of concern, he sees in depth the greater problems caused by the sweeping changes in rules relating to players' remuneration.

His conclusion is that such clubs cannot hope to break even financially unless the team is at or near the top or has a successful Cup run. Failing that they must be content to show a loss or sell a player and hope to be kept solvent by massive grants from supporters' clubs—W.P.

Leading Scorers

Division I

	Lge	FLC	Eur. comps	Total
Greaves (Tottenham H.) ..	9	3	–	12
Astle (West Bromwich A.)	8	2	–	10
Crawford (Ipswich)	9	1	–	10
Peters (West Ham)	9	1	–	10
Robson, B. (Newcastle U.)	7	2	1	10

Division II

Curran (Norwich City)	12	5	–	17
Irvine, W. (Preston N.E.)	9	3	–	12
Jackson, C. (Crystal P.) ..	7	2	–	9
Hinton (Derby)	2	5	–	7
Galley (Bristol City)	4	2	–	6
Greaves (Bolton W.).....	6	–	–	6
Toshack (Cardiff City)	5	–	1	6
Vowden (Birmingham City)	6	–	–	6
Weller (Millwall).....	6	–	–	6
Wharton (Bolton W.)	5	1	–	6
White (Blackpool)	4	2	–	6

Division III

Lewis (Luton Town)	9	1	–	10
Halom (Orient)	4	4	–	8
Mulvaney (Barrow)	8	–	–	8
Yardley (Tranmere Rovers)	5	3	–	8

Division IV

Hall (Peterborough)	6	4	–	10
Melledew (Rochdale)	7	1	–	8
Terry (Brentford)	7	1	–	8

BLACKBURN ROVERS 1968-69

Back Row (left to right): R. Mulvaney, R. Clayton, D. Martin, A. Blacklaw, J. Barton, L. Calloway, S. Metcalfe, J. Coddington, J. Connelly.
Front Row (left to right): G. Sharples, B. Douglas, B. Hole, L. Chappell, E. Rogers, M. Darling, W. Wilson, K. Newton.

OUR VISITORS

VERY FEW clubs can claim keen but friendly rivalry going back to the early 1880's. For that reason in particular we welcome most warmly our old friends from Blackburn. When these time-honoured rivals first met, the Rovers were a great side and North End comparative novices, hence an expected drubbing for which the later "Invincibles" duly made ample amends.

Both clubs were among the original members of the League. Relegated only three times, the Rovers are proud of their impressive First Division record. They won the Championship twice in three seasons before the first World War and have achieved fame in the F.A. Cup.

The Rovers were founded in 1874 by old boys of Blackburn Grammar School. Ewood Park, purchased for only £2,500, was first used in 1890-91, when the team were F.A. Cup holders. It will accommodate 60,000 and has been the venue of many showpiece matches.

Last season Rovers won at Deepdale 5-3, a defeat avenged by our 1-0 win at Ewood in April. North End have more than had the edge in postwar League meetings, which have been restricted by the relegation of one club or the other to 18, "hostilities" being renewed three seasons ago. In 13 of the last 22 seasons the teams have been in different Divisions.

So far there has not been a single draw, North End's postwar record in these games being:

					Goals		
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Home	9	7	0	2	20	12	14
Away	9	5	0	4	15	15	10
Total.....	18	12	0	6	41	27	24

Since the start we have played the Rovers in 78 League matches, winning 34, drawing 21 and losing 23, scoring 121 goals to 112, and taking 89 points. The record to 1939, in 30 of 47 seasons was: P 60, W 22, D 21, L 17, Goals 80-85, Pts 65. Forty one of those points were gained in the 30 matches at Deepdale.

Rovers have lost only two of their 11 League games this season—0-1 at Bristol and 2-4 at home v. Millwall a month ago, the visitors dropping a "thunderbolt" with two goals in the last two minutes after being 1-2 down at half time. The Blackburn results since then have been: Bolton (a) 1-1, Oxford (h) 1-0, Sheffield United (h) 1-0, Fulham (a) 1-1.

"We are not scoring the goals we need, was a recent lament by Rovers' manager (former Deepdale favourite Eddie Quigley), pointing out that the essence of soccer is scoring goals and stopping them. Well, in the above instance four goals to two have yielded six points!

Long serving Ron Clayton and Brian Douglas, both a credit to club and country for years, are not now in the side. Ron's solitary appearance this season was his 568th for Rovers. Douglas, who has been unlucky with injuries, has made 431 and scored 102 goals.

Pen Pictures

Adam BLACKLAW (*goalkeeper*). Ex-Scottish international who had made 318 appearances for Burnley when signed by Rovers in July, 1967. An Aberdonian three times capped; 5ft. 11½ins., 14st. 10lb.

Keith NEWTON (*right back*). Born Manchester. Discovered by Rovers when a boy, joined them soon after leaving school. Senior debut September, 1960, aged 19. An England international and a probable for the party to defend the World Cup. 5ft. 11ins., 11st. 2lb.

Billy WILSON (*left back*). Recruited from a North Eastern junior club 1963 and made his League debut 1965. Rovers' only ever-present last season. Born Seaton Delaval. 5ft. 8ins., 11st. 1lb.

Eamonn ROGERS (*right half*). An Eire international started at Ewood as an apprentice. Senior debut 1965/66 and gained a regular first team place last season. Formerly a forward; 5ft 9ins., 11st. 5lb.

John CODDINGTON (*centre half*). Started with Huddersfield on leaving school at Worsop and had made 351 League appearances in 12 years when transferred to Rovers for last season. 6ft. 1ins., 12st. 4lb.

George SHARPLES (*left half*). Born Ellesmere Port. Signed from Everton March, 1965. Formerly an attacking player, now fulfils a defensive role. 5ft. 11ins., 12st. 11lb.

Stuart METCALFE (*outside right*). A highly promising product of Blackburn schools football. League debut last season and now first choice. 5ft. 6½ ins., 8st. 12lb.

Don MARTIN (*inside right*). Signed last March from Northampton Town for whom he made his debut in 1962/63 when 18. A good opportunist, has scored six goals this season. 5ft. 10ins., 10st. 7lb.

Dick MULVANEY (*centre forward*). Native of Sunderland, joined Rovers from a North Eastern junior club. Big and strong player, is fulfilling an emergency role. 5ft. 11ins., 12st. 5lb.

Malcom DARLING (*inside left*). A 21 year-old-Scot signed four years ago. Filled four different attack positions last season and is again proving his virsatility. 5ft. 7½ins., 10st.

John CONNELLY (*outside left*). Belongs to St. Helens After eight years with Burnley, joined Manchester United. Transferred to Rovers September, 1966. An England international, played in one game in the last World Cup series. 5ft. 8½ins., 11st. 2lb.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

JIM IN ACTION

Jim challenging for possession during the recent Norwich game at Deepdale.

JIM THE FAMILY MAN

Relaxing at his Penwortham home with children Neil, Lisa-Marie and baby Steven.

FOCUS on JIM McNAB

SIGNED by North End in March last year, Scotsman Jim McNab has already made well over 50 first team appearances in proving himself a sterling club man. Recruited by Sunderland as a boy on the strength of a Scottish cap and promise shown with Kilsyth Rangers, he had put in 10½ years service at Roker when persuaded to come to Deepdale, a move he has not regretted.

Neither has his attractive wife Sylvia. They like the people and have a nice home at Penwortham. Mrs. McNab has been too busy with family life and seeing that Jim does not go short of his favourite eats (inevitably including steak!) to get many chances of watching football, but she did see Monday night's match with Carlisle United at Deepdale.

It was her first look at North End. Her verdict—a very good match and no one had much to grumble at. At least she saw her hubby in good form and did not bargain for spending the rest of the week nursing him after he had gone down with tonsillitis. The McNabs have three bonny children, Neil five, Lisa-Marie two and a half, and baby Steven.

Jim McNab was born at Denny, whose local team, the Hibs, produced North Ender and Scots international Jimmy Dougal. At High School there he got his fancy for playing at wing-half, although with Kilsyth he was a left winger. He left home for Sunderland on reaching 15.

The big match "derby" atmosphere is what he enjoys most as a player, next to being on the winning side. His main outside interest is his family, but he likes golf. His greatest thrill was helping Sunderland to win promotion in 1964 and he hopes for a "repeat" with North End.

Alan Ball is his conception of the most complete professional, with George Best next. He admires Manchester United most, then Leeds, as clubs because "they look after each player individually." Liverpool are his tip for the League title; Derby and Middlesbrough his first fancies for promotion—a hint here of his Sunderland association with ex-players Brian Clough and Stan Anderson, the respective managers.

Anfield is his favourite ground because of its fine crowd atmosphere. His pet aversion? Unpunctual people—he does not like to be kept waiting. His car is a Rover 3 litre automatic.

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NORTH END FAC

League Division II, 1968-69

						Attendances			
1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Gain	Loss	1968-9	1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	H	**1–1**	–	–	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	A	**1–0**	–	–	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	A	**1–3**	–	–	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	–	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2			13,577	
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	–	3–5					20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	–	1–2					21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	–	2–1					17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	–	3–2					14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	–	0–2					9,736
Nov. 2	Fulham	H	–	–					—
,, 9	Aston Villa	A	–	0–1					13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	–	0–1					10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	–	–					—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	–	1–1					19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	–	–					
,, 14	Derby County	H	–	1–1					17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	–	1–1					14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	–	1–0					20,255
,, 28	Millwall	H	–	0–1					11,445
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup 3rd Round**			3–1					
,, 11	Fulham	A	–	–					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	–	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup 4th Round**			1–3					
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	–	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	–	–					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	–	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	–	–					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	–	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	–	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	–	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	–	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	–	–					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	–	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	–	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	–	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	–	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	–	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968				**1968**		
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3–2	Dec. 21	Blackpool	H....
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1	,, 26	Leeds United	H....
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1	,, 28	Liverpool	A....
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1	**1969**		
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1	Jan. 4	Stoke City	H....
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2	,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H....
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0	,, 18	Aston Villa	A....
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1	,, 25	Burnley	H....
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1	Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H....
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1	,, 8	Manchester City	A....
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A....		,, 15	Sheffield United	H....
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H....		,, 22	Derby County	A....
,, 19	Blackpool	A....		Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A....
,, 26	Liverpool	H....		,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H....
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A....		,, 14	Coventry City	A....
,, 9	Aston Villa	H....		,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H....
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A....		,, 29	Manchester United	A....
,, 23	Manchester City	H....		April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H....
,, 30	Sheffield United	A....		,, 8	Stoke City	A....
Dec. 7	Derby County	H....		,, 12	Bury	A....
,, 14	Blackburn Rovers	A....		,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H....
				—	—Huddersfield Town	A....

TS AND FIGURES

North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P11, W4, D4, L3, Goals F14, A12, Pts 12

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Bert PATRICK	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
George ROSS	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
John RITCHIE	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Jim SMITH	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	3	—	11
Jim McNAB	—	—	—	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	9
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	11
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	11
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	11
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 9; Knighton 2; Spavin, Lee, Temple, 1 each—Total 14. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including September 30th)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts
Charlton Athletic	11	6	3	2	20	15	15
Middlesbrough	11	7	1	3	17	13	15
Blackpool	11	4	6	1	14	10	14
Blackburn Rovers	11	5	4	2	14	10	14
Derby County	11	5	4	2	13	10	14
Cardiff City	11	6	1	4	19	16	13
Millwall	11	5	2	4	21	17	12
Hull City	11	3	6	2	14	13	12
Norwich City	11	5	2	4	19	14	12
Crystal Palace	11	5	2	4	24	18	12
Sheffield United	11	5	2	4	14	13	12
Bolton Wanderers	11	4	3	4	18	14	11
Preston North End	11	4	4	3	14	12	12
Bury	11	4	2	5	20	23	10
Oxford United	11	3	4	4	8	10	10
Huddersfield Town	11	3	4	4	14	13	10
Bristol City	11	1	7	3	9	12	9
Fulham	11	2	4	5	6	11	8
Portsmouth	11	2	4	5	12	16	8
Birmingham City	11	4	0	7	24	27	8
Aston Villa	11	2	3	6	9	20	7
Carlisle United	11	0	4	7	8	23	4

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including September 28th)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts
Manchester United	11	7	2	2	20	10	16
Burnley	12	7	2	3	22	15	16
Liverpool	10	7	1	2	23	6	15
Sheffield Wednesday	11	5	4	2	14	11	14
West Bromwich A.	12	6	2	4	20	12	14
Wolverhampton W.	11	5	4	2	21	15	14
Newcastle United	10	5	2	3	11	10	12
Stoke City	9	5	2	2	11	8	12
Sheffield United	11	3	5	3	15	9	11
Everton	11	4	3	4	11	14	11
Aston Villa	10	4	3	3	10	14	11
Bolton Wanderers	11	4	3	4	16	21	11
Blackpool	10	4	3	3	24	14	11
Preston North End	10	4	2	4	14	11	10
Bury	12	4	1	7	14	20	9
Huddersfield Town	12	4	1	7	13	24	9
Leeds United	10	3	3	4	9	12	9
Nottingham Forest	10	3	2	5	20	23	8
Blackburn Rovers	12	3	1	8	16	28	7
Manchester City	11	3	0	8	14	23	6
Coventry City	10	1	3	6	9	16	5
Derby County	9	0	5	5	7	17	5

Reports—

EUROPEAN CUP JITTERS

Strange how an impending European Cup-tie can adversely affect the domestic form of the continent's champion clubs. At home both Manchester United (who lost 0-1 at Burnley) and Manchester City (held 1-1 at home by Southampton) turned in almost pathetic performances some four days before taking the first hurdle in the European Champions Cup.

Up in Scotland Celtic lost for the first time in several months—2-4 at home to Rangers! Over the channel there were more reports of top teams slipping on the eve of their big games. West German champions 1 FC Nuremburg, who are struggling in the lower half of their league table, were beaten 2-0 at 1860 Munich. More surprisingly the outstanding Belgian club Anderlecht suffered their first defeat of the campaign to bottom-of-the-table Beerschott!

It has become quite a common trend throughout the continent for clubs to take things easily prior to a foreign challenge and, apart from anything else, this serves as a handy tip to pools punters who can so often be let down by favourites at such times.

Real Madrid, the only club to have taken part in all 14 European Cup tournaments, faced no more fearsome a challenge than minnows Limassol from Cyprus—who they contemptuously brushed aside by a 12-0 aggregate margin—and had no worries as they won their previous league game, at home to Espanol, by 3-1.

It is a sign of how quickly soccer fortunes can alter that Reims, the French club that played in two European Cup finals, are now half way down the French *second* division table and playing before home attendances of less than 6,000. Partizan (Yugoslavia) and Eintrancht Frankfurt (West Germany), other former finalists, are still first division clubs but both are drifting in the bottom half.

Players of French club Ajaccio must wonder what they must do to gain decent support. For a match which could lift them into the top place in Division I, against Sedan, only 2,500 spectators turned up. The team did its part, winning 2-0 to go top. But was it worth it?

Perhaps it is an appropriate time to note that the lowest crowd at any English *Third* Division match this season is 2,592 at Southport.

The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the *Lancashire Evening Post* for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

BLACKBURN ROVERS QUIZ

1—WHY were Rovers presented with a commemorative shield?
2—How many times have the Rovers won the F.A. Cup?
3—Three times in quick succession Blackburn Rovers paid the then record transfer fee. Who were the players concerned?
4—What distinction do Rovers proudly share with Aston Villa?
5—When were the Rovers nearest to losing a long cherished First Division record?

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

EDDIE QUIGLEY
(Blackburn Rovers' Manager)

EDDIE QUIGLEY was once the most expensive footballer in Britain. In December, 1949, Preston paid Sheffield Wednesday £26,500 for his services, to top the previous record of £25,000 which Derby County had paid Manchester United nine months earlier for Johnny Morris—Eddie's nephew!

The great Charles Buchan at that time described the £26,500 as "a fantastic fee" and we can compare it today with the £150,000 which Leicester paid for Allan Clarke. Eddie Quigley, now in his second season as Blackburn's manager, started his playing career with Bury and scored five times for them in his first game at centre-forward.

But it was as a scheming inside-forward that Quigley really caught the eye and it was for this role that Sheffield Wednesday parted with £12,000 for his transfer in October, 1947. Quigley won international recognition with the England "B" side and many critics considered it an injustice that he never won a full cap.

Eddie Quigley became *Mr.* Quigley, manager, when he took control at Stockport County in October, 1965. Earlier he had returned to his home town, and first club, Bury as chief scout. He laid the foundations for Stockport's fine promotion campaign of 1966/67.

Now he is charged with the task of restoring Blackburn Rovers to their "rightful place" in the First Division.

Man in the Middle

DAVID SMITH (Stonehouse)

DAVID SMITH must be the only League referee who's a linesman by profession! He works as a chargehand linesman for the Midlands Electricity Board.

Of all referees, Mr. Smith probably appreciates the player's point of view as much as any—though he doesn't tolerate any nonsense—for it was a dispute with the referee, when he was a goalkeeper in local football, that set him on the road to success as a referee himself. "All right," said the ref. "If you can do any better, why don't you take it up?" So he did!

Progression through Gloucestershire amateur football and the Western League took him onto the Football League linesmen's list in 1954. Five years later he was a League referee and this year he has been promoted to the FIFA panel.

He has refereed the League Cup final (in 1966) the F.A. Amateur Cup final (1964) and the Channel Islands' Muratti Vase final in 1963. He has refereed two F.A. Cup semi-finals and, earlier this year, was linesman for the U.S.S.R. v. Poland international.

Mr Smith believes in working himself hard. Last season he handled 94 matches—"the more games, the more experience gained" is his philosophy—and in his "spare" time he is secretary of the Stroud and District League. He lives with his wife and son in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

CORNER KICKS

JOKERS WILD

Things last week were rather quiet at Deepdale during training, due to the fact that Bill Cranston was off for a couple of days with a slight cold. REASON—Bill is a fanatical practical joker, having played all sorts of pranks on his fellow players. There is never a dull moment in the dressing rooms when Bill is around. All this of course is good fun and ideal for team spirit.

GREAVES'S NIGHT OUT—MUST HAVE COMFORT

A busman's holiday for Spurs goal ace Jimmy Greaves never means a night out at West Ham, Arsenal or Chelsea.

"I never go to a League match," says Greaves. "I can't stand the business of having to get there hours early to park the car and then the half-time scrum for a cup of tea.

"No, if I watch football it's at Brentwood, where I am a vice-president, or Chelmsford. There I can stroll in ten minutes before the kick-off, still have a comfortable seat and a quiet drink at half-time in the directors' room. What could be better?"

Brentwood and Chelmsford directors, crowdwise, would no doubt wish it were otherwise . . .

SOUVENIR HUNTERS

Don't mention souvenir hunters to former Manchester United goalkeeper Dave Gaskell, or Wolves 'keeper Phil Parkes. Gaskell, now with Wigan, left his cap and gloves in the net during a mid-week game. Afterwards, they were gone. Gaskell had used the same cap for 13 years since he first played for England Boys. Parkes went to the cinema, took his shoes off for comfort, and smilingly signed autographs when the lights went up. When he got up to leave, his shoes were missing and he had to walk out in his socks! Ssshh!!! Don't tell them but they should check the Lily Whites Shops.

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3—"Jocky" Simpson, of their 1911-12 League Championship team, and Danny Shea and Percy Dawson, who joined him in the side which regained the trophy two years later.
4—That of being the last of the original 12 Football League clubs to be relegated. They went down together in 1936 after being in the premier Division for 44 seasons.
5—In 1898, when one of five clubs at the bottom all with equal points. They were saved from relegation by an extension of both the First and Second Divisions to 18 clubs.

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M — CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. BRISTOL CITY
N — CRYSTAL PALACE v. SHEFFIELD UNITED
O — HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. BLACKPOOL
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Referee

D. SMITH
(Stonehouse)

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J. K. Wright

Yellow Flag:
G. Davies

NEXT HOME GAMES

Saturday, 12th October, 1968 Kick-off 3 p.m. Central League
North End Reserve v. Blackburn Rovers Reserve

Monday, 14th October, 1968 Kick-off 7.30 p.m. Central League
North End Reserve v. Leeds United Reserve

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